



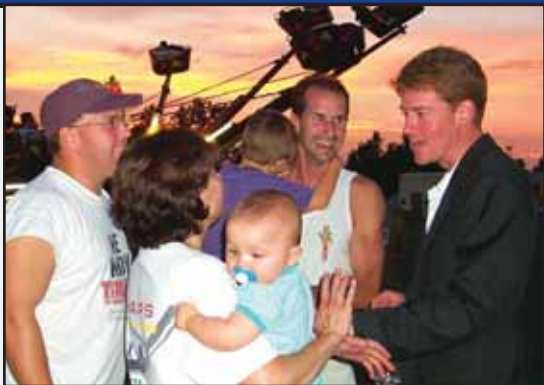
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2008 Legislative Highlights

Fighting Illegal Immigration

HB 1549 fights illegal immigration in Missouri by cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants and ensuring public benefits are reserved for U.S. citizens and those legally within our borders. The bill also allows law enforcement officers to check the citizenship status of anyone arrested or detained in the state of Missouri.



Providing Property Tax Relief

SB 711 protects homeowners by requiring all taxing entities to roll back their tax rate to offset reassessment increases. It also ensures that new voter-approved tax levies will never be applied to future assessments. Taxpayers will receive a projected tax liability statement with their reassessment notice to better prepare them for their tax bill in December. The bill also expands tax relief for Missouri's seniors and disabled homeowners.



Boosting Missouri's Economy

HB 2393 creates a mega-project tax credit program to encourage companies to build in Missouri that would provide thousands of high-paying jobs and spur economic growth. Bombardier, a Montreal-based company, is considering Kansas City International Airport as a potential site for an airplane assembly plant that would employ 2,100 workers and pay an average yearly salary of \$63,000.



Protecting Missouri's Children

SB 714 safeguards our children by increasing the penalties for parental kidnapping, expanding the state's sex offender registry database, toughening child pornography laws, and strengthening restrictions on convicted sex offenders.

Taking Care of Our Veterans

SB 830 limits the tuition charged to certain combat veterans to \$50 per credit hour for any program leading to a certificate, or an associate or bachelor's degree.

HB 2010 allocates \$2.2 million for the Serving Our Veterans Program that provides mental health assistance services to family members of veterans and transitional housing assistance to homeless veterans.



Making Missouri Energy Efficient

SB 1181 moves Missouri one step closer to energy efficiency by strengthening the minimum energy efficiency standard for state buildings. It also creates the annual "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday," beginning in 2009 and running from April 19-25, when all sales of Energy Star-certified new appliances will be exempt from state sales tax.

Curbing Meth Use

Methamphetamine is the worst illegal drug ever to hit our streets. SB 724 tightens restrictions on the purchase of pseudoephedrine, the key ingredient used to make methamphetamine.

HB 2022 provides \$1.9 million to support the Missouri Sheriff's Methamphetamine Relief Team, or MoSMART.



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